



Local & Regional
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Council of European Municipalities and Regions

A Europe for our municipalities and regions

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Introducing CEMR

European cities and twinning

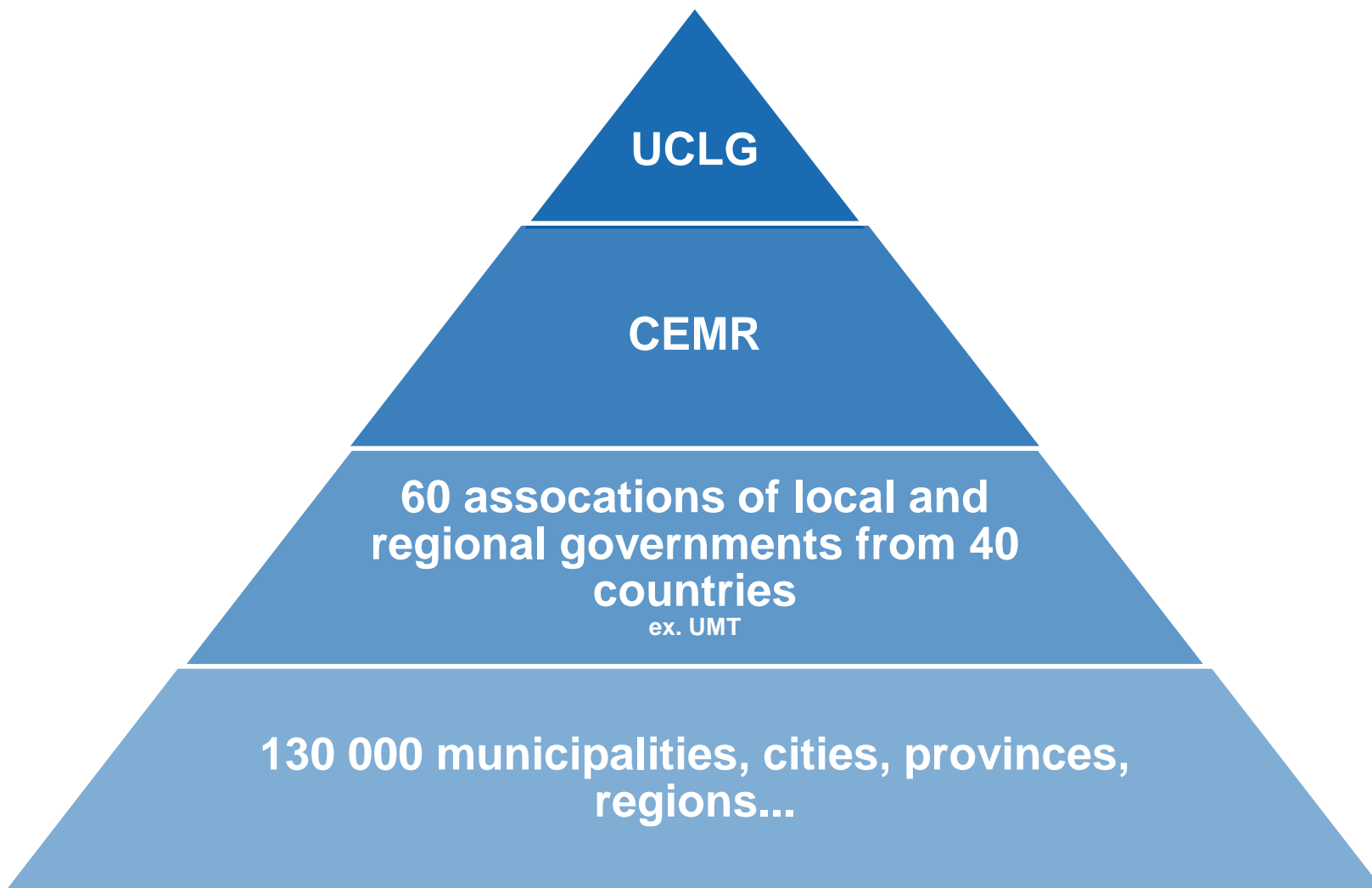
Think globally, act locally

Who we are

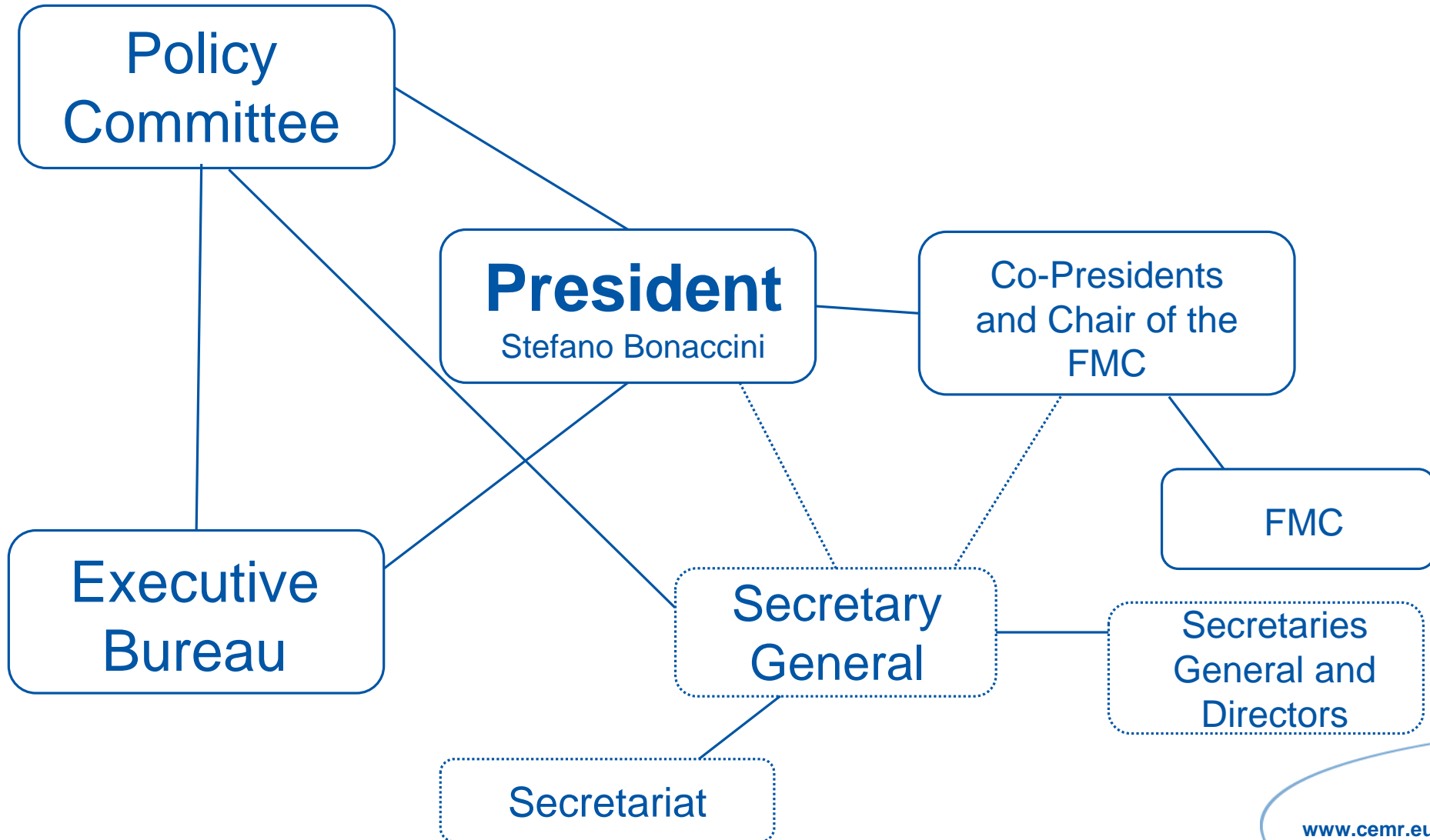
The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) is the broadest European association of local and regional government.



- Founded in 1951
- 41 countries
- 60 associations
- 130 000 municipalities and regions



How CEMR works



What CEMR does

Our work is organised around **two main pillars**:

1. *Influencing European policy and legislation* in all areas having an impact on municipalities and regions
2. *Providing a forum for debate and cooperation* between European local and regional authorities via their national representative associations

CEMR's work focuses on **five thematic areas**:

- Democracy, citizenship and enlargement
- Environment, climate and energy
- Partnership, cooperation and world affairs
- Economic, social and territorial cohesion
- Local and regional governments as employers and service providers

What we do

**Democracy, citizenship
& enlargement**

**Resource efficiency &
environment**

**Partnership,
cooperation & world
affairs**

**Local and
regional
governments
as employers
and service
providers**



**Economic, social and
territorial cohesion**

What we do

Influencing EU legislation

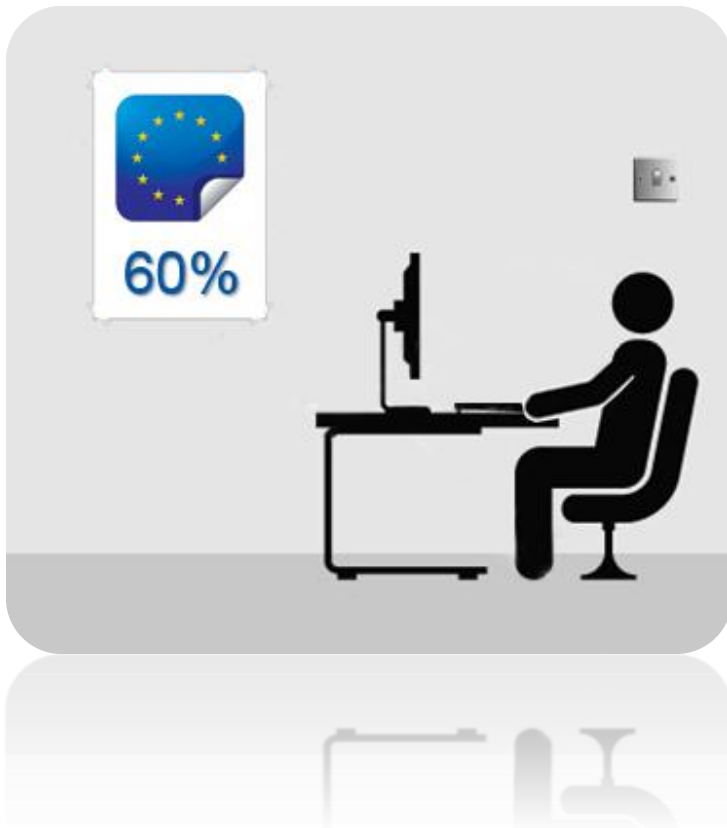


Providing an exchange forum



What we do

Influencing EU legislation



Lobbing the EU institutions on behalf of the European municipalities :

- Writing position papers
- Meetings EU officials (EU Presidency, MEPs, European Commission)
- Preparation of amendments and voting recommendations

What we do

Research and Publications:

- Territorial reforms in Europe in times of crisis
- Local and Regional Government in Europe
- Localising the SDG's
- The role of national associations in integration

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What we do

Projects:

- www.twinning.org
- www.platforma-dev.eu
- www.charter-equality.eu
- www.eumayors.eu
- www.rfsc.eu

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Twinning

knowledge

advocacy-influence

Twinning coordinators expert group

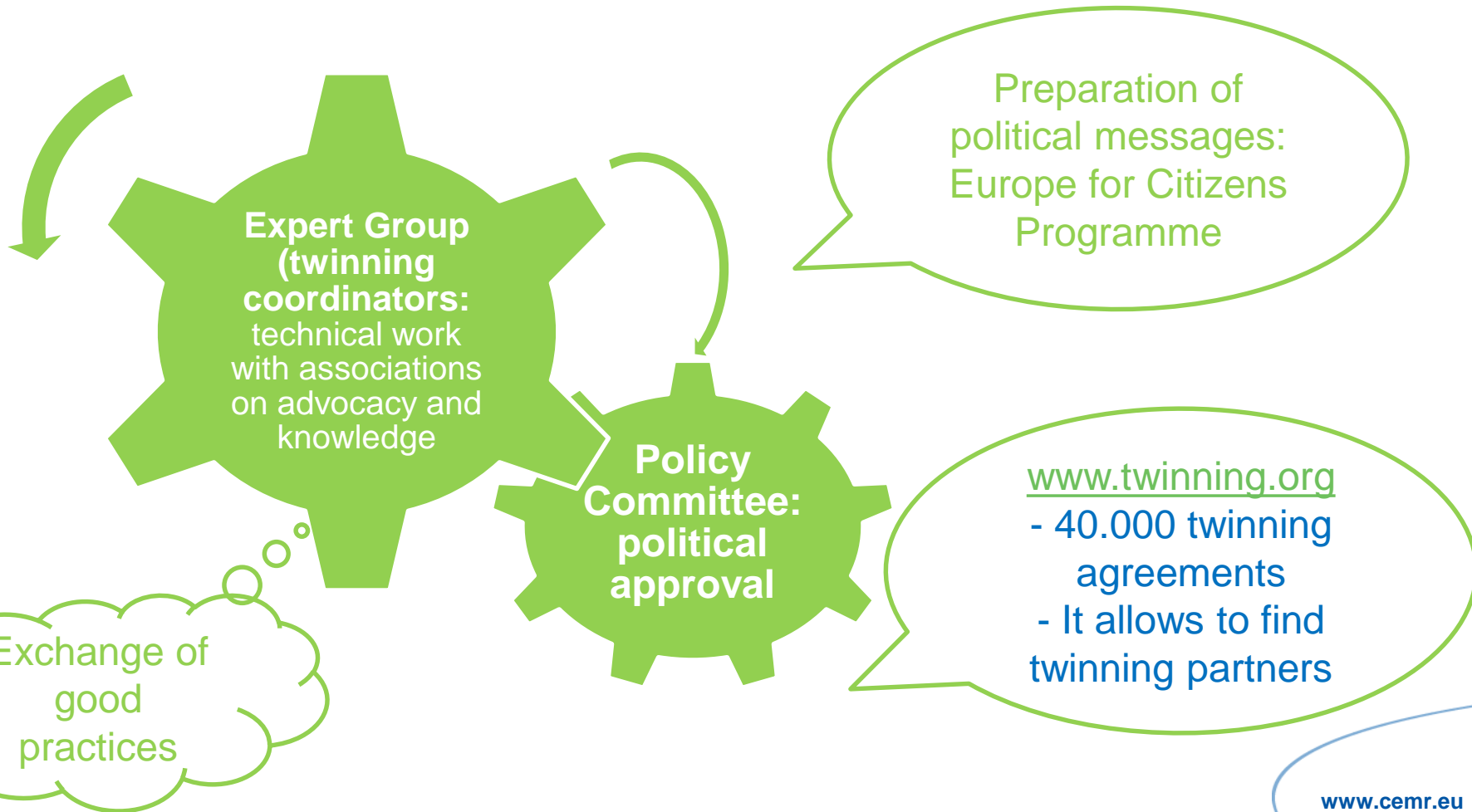
Funding: Europe for Citizens Programme

Knowledge: www.twinning.org

Exchange of good practices, peer-to-peer methodologies, mentoring-schemes, etc.

The example of twinning

CEMR WORKING STRUCTURES ON TWINNING



The example of twinning: The "Europe for Citizens Programme"

- 2. Identification of common messages by associations and the through the twinning coordinators expert group;**
- 3. Preparation of a position paper with main messages;**
- 4. Approval of the Policy Committee;**
- 5. Preparation of amendments to a report (legislative or non legislative) linked to twinning;**
- 6. Contact with other stakeholders to build coalitions;**
- 7. Advocacy towards the EU institutions (Committee of the Regions, European Parliament, European Commission, Council of the EU), etc.**